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O'NEILL WATERMELON DAY DRAWS A LARGE CROWD

One of the largest crowds of people that has visited O'Neill in many months gathered here Wednesday and enjoyed the Watermelon Day sponsored by the O'Neill Lions Club and paid for by the business and professional men of O'Neill as well as members of the Lions Club.

The day was a success from early morning to late at night. The morning was not hot; the sky was overcast part of the time with a few clouds that indicated that a shower might be expected during the day.

Promptly at one o'clock the melon cutters began dispensing melons in a double stand sixty feet long that had been erected east of the First National Bank. During the four hours that followed, 934 melons were cut and passed over the counters; the melons were large and sweet; many people were heard to say that the melons were the best they had tasted in years. The shipping weight of the car load of melons was 29,800 lbs; they came direct from the Texas melon country.

Several estimates of the crowd were made during the late afternoon and all seemed to agree that there were at least 5,000 to 7,000 people here.

A number of races were run by the boys and girls during the afternoon. A watermelon eating contest was held at five o'clock which was won by Gladys Farr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Farr, residing about ten miles north of O'Neill, and Walter Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel Wilson, who reside near O'Neill.

One of the features of the sports was a water fight between Frank Davidson and Clarence Zimmerman against James Davidson Jr., and Roy Johnson; the fight was decided a draw after a long fight had been staged.

Two free picture shows were given at the Royal Theatre at two and four o'clock; both shows were crowded to the doors.

Many people were here from the surounding counties.

About four o'clock a rain began to fall that developed to the amount of one-fifth of an inch; following the shower the sports were resumed and everyone seemed to have a good time.

TYPEWRITER STOLEN FROM THE L. G. GILLESPIE OFFICE

Some time during last Saturday some sneak thief entered the L. G. Gillespie insurance office and relieved the office of the portable Underwood typewriter.

Mr. Gillespie has discovered that a fellow offered a similar typewriter to a firm in Norfolk the first of the week at a nominal price; it might have been the same machine.

HOT WEATHER REACHES MAXIMUM LAST SUNDAY

The peak of the hot weather was reached last Sunday when the mercury rose to 110 degrees; Saturday was considered quite warm when the temperature rose to 108 degrees; however the weather cooled off considerably Monday.

DEATH OF SAM SEAMAN

Edgemont, S. D.,
July 25, 1930.

Dear Sir:

I know no one there to write to but you and hope you will do me a favor.

Sam Seaman, an old time resident of your town, died at the Sister's Hospital at Mitchell, South Dakota, last Monday, July 21st, and I would like to have you insert a little notice in the paper to that effect. He has old acquaintances there who may know where his son, Paul and daughter Keva are and notify them. We do not know their whereabouts; We got a telegram of his death last Monday; he is an uncle of my husband. The last we knew, he was working near Egan, South Dakota, for a John Wax there. I am writing the hospital at Mitchell for information concerning his death and burial.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Chas. W. Hudson

RELATIVES OFFER TRIBUTE

Those who were here to attend the funeral of Pearl Clevish were: James Hoyer and family, Spearfish, S. D.; Mrs. Ed Hubby and son, Spearfish, S. D.; John Moler and wife, Wall, S. D.; Mrs. Susie Goodfellow and daughter and Mrs. Lawrence Lawrencen, Butte, Neb.; Miss Eva Kellogg, Allen, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Idin Loub and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jensen, Ainsworth, Nebraska. The following verse was contributed by these relatives:

"Pearl has gone to her Heavenly Home; she hast left for a time—her stay on earth was short. But we live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breath; in feelings, not in figures on the dial. We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels noblest, acts the best. He liveth long who liveth well; all other life is short and vain. Yes, Pearl is gone, she is with the Angels now in the Heavenly Land. Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

D. A. DOYLE PASSES AWAY AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

D. A. Doyle passed away in his apartments in the Cody Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wednesday night of this week. For a number of years Mr. Doyle has been in failing health and has been cared for by his daughters, Dr. Madeline Doyle and Mrs. Kathlene Walsh, who reside on the old home place where Mr. Doyle was born and raised.

Mr. Doyle was born in Grattan precinct near Grand Rapids, Michigan, about seventy-four years ago; he came to Holt county in 1884 and located on a homestead on Dry Creek about seventeen miles southwest of O'Neill. He moved to O'Neill in 1889; he was postmaster during Cleveland's second administration which began in 1894.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Flannery, in Alpena, Michigan, in January, 1887; to this union four children were born, Kathlene, Marguerite, Madaline and Barnard; Barnard died at Grand Rapids, Michigan about two years ago.

Mr. Doyle and family were continuous residents of O'Neill until about ten years ago when they purchased the old home place near Grand Rapids, and moved thereto; Mrs. Doyle passed away a few years ago; since that time Mr. Doyle has made the Cody Hotel his headquarters most of the time. He and his daughter, Dr. Madaline, visited O'Neill friends about two and a half years ago.

Mr. Doyle was one of the early settlers of the county; he was always an enthusiastic and consistent democrat; he was an ardent supporter of the principles of right living and at all times advovcated and endeavored to promote the things that were for the betterment of the people of the comfunity in which he resided. He was mayor of O'Neill at one time.

The Frontier will endeavor to obtain a further obituary notice for next week's issue.

MRS. IVY DALE

A we go to press we learn that Mrs. Ivy Dale died in a hospital in Omaha today. Mrs. Dale was taken to Omaha a short time ago suffering with cancer. She is the daughter of Mrs. A. A. Welton of this city and has made her home here for some time.

An obituary notice will be published next week.

JAMES CALMER PARKER

The people of this community were shocked and deeply grieved last Sunday morning when they arose to learn that James C. Parker had been drowned Saturday night about 10:30 when a boat containing nine persons sank in a lake at the new Pioneer Park in Lincoln, Nebraska; six of the party were able to reach the shore safely. Two girls of the party were also drowned; the following account of the tragedy was taken from the Monday State Journal:

Those who lost their lives were Clara Toft, twenty, 329 South Fifteenth; Mildred Bevier, nineteen, 2750 W, and James C. Parker, 18, O'Neill.

Nine were in the boat, powered by an outboard motor, which was cruising on Indian lake. While about fifteen feet from the shore at the west end of the lake, occupants of the craft noticed water creeping over the prow. All were forced into the water about fifteen feet deep at that point of the channel.

In the confusion, three went down. The rest succeeded in reaching shore.

The body of Miss Toft, first to be recovered, was brought to the surface shortly before midnight, an hour and a half after the accident. Ten minutes later the body of Miss Bevier was recovered and at 12:30 a. m. Sunday the body of Parker was brought up from the bottom of the channel.

Dr. George E. Lewis, city physician, administered artificial respiration as the bodies were recovered. Firemen used a lung moter to no effect.

Although hope for resuscitation was doubtful due to the muddy condition of the water and the length of time the victims were submerged, Dr. Lewis and the firemen continued their efforts until after 1 p. m. Sunday.

Hans H. Jacobson, 2674 South Eleventh, recovered the bodies of Miss Bevier and of Parker. Captain Feaster of the fire department and helpers in his boat found the body of Miss Toft. County Sheriff Hensel and Assistant Fire Chief Donnelly directed operations of the rescue party, assisted by city and county state officers.

Those in the boat who were saved were Loretta Knaller, 1740 J; Vera Randol, 925 North Thirtieth; Keith S. Essex, 1743 North Thirtieth; Owen Shafer, 329 South Fifteenth; Cecil D. Combs, 1740 J, and George E. Schmidt, 1515 Sumner, who has the boat concession at the park and was operating the craft.

Schmidt, driver of the boat, said there was no cutting up among the group while in the boat. He cited sa a probable cause of the accident the fact that four of the young people were seated in the front end of the boat and that waves thrown up by the prow flooded the front end which dipped beneath the water.

Shafer, before he collapsed, said that the boat had been shipping water and submerged soon after.

James Calmer Parker was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 22, 1912 and died in Lincoln on July 26, 1930, at the age of 18 years, 4 months and 4 days.

At the age of seven years he moved with his parents to O'Neill, Neb., where he has since resided.

He was a graduate of the O'Neill High School in the class of 1928. Since that time he has completed a year's course in electrical engineering in the State University of Nebraska.

He was united with the Methodist church of O'Neill in the spring of 1928.

At the time of his death he was in the employ of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

He leaves to mourn his death, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker, of O'Neill; two sisters, Mrs. Homer Ernst of O'Neill and Mrs. Orville Kemper, of Page.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. S. M. Omart, were held on Tuesday morning at the Methodist church in O'Neill and burial was made in Prospect Hill cemetery.

The pall bearers were Russell Bowen, Bert Hubbard, James Robertson, Edmond Hancock, Ralph Ernst, and Elmer Lorenz.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deepest appreciation of the kindness of our many friends and the sympathy so freely offered, and our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful flowers sent at the death of our beloved son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ernst
Mr. and Mrs. Orville Kemper

J. H. MEREDITH APPOINTED JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Wednesday the County Board of Supervisors appointed J. H. Meredith Justice of the Peace to fill the unexpired term of the late Frank Campbell.

According to reports from Georgia the popcorn is popping on the stalks out in the fields. It is now time for Kansas to come through with a report of the hens laying hard-boiled eggs.

The birth rate in New York City is said to be steadily declining. Maybe they are building the buildings so high now that the stork can't fly over 'em.

LOCAL NEWS.

Miss Mary Ryan, of Sioux City, is visiting O'Neill relatives.

Gale Bressler was visiting relatives in Plainview last week.

Mrs. R R. Dickson was in Sioux City, Iowa, several days last week.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Snyder, of Columbus, is visiting Miss Mariam Golden.

Dean Selah is assisting Dale Bressler in the operating room at the Royal Theatre.

F. K. McCarty is erecting a miniature golf course at the corner of seventh and Douglas streets.

Miss Marjorie Dickson was visiting friends in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Denver, Colorado, last week.

Mrs. Chas. Grass, of Page, had her tonsils removed at the Gilligan & Brown hospital, last Saturday.

Frank O'Connell, of Denver, Colorado, has been shaking hands with former O'Neill friends this week.

E. H. Ennis and family, of Melbourne, Australia, will land in the United States the 11th of September.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Mitchell, of Wayne, spent several days last week visiting in the Frank Langmack home.

Rev. O. A. Fortune and family returned home Wednesday night from a few week's visit with relatives in Texas.

Chas. Stockman, of Plainview and Herman Stockman, of Snyder, spent Saturday night at the A. P. Strube home.

S. F. McNichols left for Denver, Colorado, this morning where he will spend a few weeks visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Strube, son Richard and daughter, Miss Violet, were visiting in Plainview the first of the week.

Mrs. W. H. Webster came up from Neligh, Wednesday for a visit at the home of her brother, George Crellin and family.

Mrs. Jesse Mills, daughter Miss Shirley and son Bruce, came up from Omaha, Tuesday for a visit with O'Neill friends.

Little Bobby Frost of Kansas City, who had been visiting his grandmother, Dr. Margaret Frost, returned home last Friday.

The school house in the Martin Conway district northwest of O'Neill burned about noon today; the cause of the fire is unknown.

Arthur Jorgensen, of Wood, South Dakota, formerly of Inman, had his tonsils removed at the Gilligan & Brown hospital the first of the week.

Miss Peggy Timlin, who visited with her cousin Miss Mildred Timlin the past ten days, returned to her home at Hubbard, Nebraska, Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pilger and children were called to Omaha Wednesday evening by the serious illness of Mrs. Ivy Dale, who passed away today. Mrs. Pilger and Mrs. Dale were sisters.

Gertrude Graham and Ann Jansen returned home Wednesday from their vacation at Fremont, Omaha, Council Bluffs and Nebraska City where they have been visiting relatives for the past few months.

Donald Gallagher was shaking hands with old time O'Neill friends the first of the week. Donald is a Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor and is out meeting some of the boys over the state.

Many old time residents of the county were seen upon the streets Wednesday, Watermelon Day in O'Neill; among the number was Sam Templin, of Neligh who was a resident of this locality a number of years ago.

Eddie Graham left for his home in Whittier, California, Wednesday; Harry Graham accompanied him and will visit his brother Charles and sister, Mrs. C. C. Jackson, all of Whittier. Harry will stay some time on the coast.

The building recently vacated by Mrs. Chapman on west Douglas street is being remodeled and refinished. We understand that it has been renter and will be occupied in the near future by a business firm from Atkinson.

Ed Quinn returned home Tuesday from Rochester, Minnesota, where he has been with Mrs. Quinn, who recently submitted to a series of operations in St. Mary's hospital. Mrs. Quinn will remain in Rochester about two weeks longer.

Miss Laura Meals of Lompac, California, stopped over Wednesday night at the J. H. Meredith home. Miss Meals will be remembered by the old time residents of O'Neill as being deputy postmaster under James H. Riggs and D. A. Doyle, many years ago.

Mrs. Harry Cisco, son Vernon, and daughter, Helen Jean, of Pawnee City, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Cisco's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Carter, expect to return home next Sunday with Mr. Cisco who is expected to arrive at that time.

Mentor, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Davis of this city, departed for Omaha last Sunday where he entered the United States Navy; he will be located at San Diego, California for the present. A brother, Glenn Davis, is also in the Navy. Mr. C. L. Davis is load dispatcher for the Interstate Power Company.

J. A. Lister, republican candidate for state senator of the 21st district comprising Boone, Antelope and Wheeler counties, stopped in O'Neill for a short visit to the newspaper offices; the Frontier acknowledges a pleasant call from Mr. and Mrs. Lister. Mr. Lister was publisher of the Boone County Advance, at St. Edward, Nebraska.

Mrs. Warren Gribble, who came from the hospital at Norfolk about ten days ago and was staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson, became worse Monday afternoon and was taken back to the hospital Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by Dr. Brown, her husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Clauson and Miss Mary Carney.

Baseball! See the fast Creighton team play the Milwaukee Colored Giants at Creighton, Sunday, Aug. 3. The Milwaukee team constitutes the fastest aggregation that has visited Creighton this year, having a record which includes 35 straight wins. They will give a 10-minute "pepperball" act before the game which will start at 2:30 p. m. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

A fire was discovered in a box at the rear of the O'Neill Creamery, containing a large motor that is used to run the pump in the basement of the creamery. It seems that something happened to the automatic switch, the motor became overheated and set the box on fire; no damage was done excepting to the top of the box and the motor; some smoke entered the interior of the building. The fire was discovered about 4:00 a. m., Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ennis received a letter from their son and daughter-in-law, who are at Melbourne, Australia, in the employ of the Dodge Motor Company. In part the letter reads: "Last Friday night, went to the ball that the Aero Club gave for Amy Johnson; she is the girl who flew from England to Australia. Only a limited number invited; there was only one other American couple there. The elite of Melbourne were there—the Lord Mayor, high army officers and the Flying Squadron. The military uniforms were black, bright red and gold; the Flying Squadron's dark blue trimmed in pale blue. Amy Johnson was dressed in white—a white velvet gown, white brocade and fur evening wrap, and white shoes and hose. She is such a lovely looking girl. Not the sort one would think of doing such a stunt."

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